Raid conducted by Weights and Measures Department

1231. *SHRI* D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Weights and Measures Department has recently conducted special raids for checking the correctness of measures and meters used for supply of petrol by different petrol pumps and gas cylinders by gas dealers in the capital;

(b) if so, what are the details of the petrol pumps and gas dealers on whom raids were conducted; and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that M/s. Deepti Enterprises and M/s. Mars Enterprises at Jhandewalan, Delhi are supplying underweight gas cylinders to the consumers; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take against the erring petrol stations and gas agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The deails are given in the attached statement (*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 78.

(c) During the inspection of M/s. Mars Enterprises and M/s. Deepti Enterprises on, respectively, April 4, 1985 and July 23, 1986, some LPG cylinders were found underweight.

(d) Legal action against all the offenders has been initiated by the Weights & Measures Wing of the Delhi Administration.

Outstanding dues from State Electricity Boards

1232. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the various State Electricity Boards have failed to clear the outstanding amount to the tune of Rs. 165 crores to the National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) whether this huge outstanding amount would adversely affect the annual plan of the National Thermal Power Corporation; and

(c) if so, what measures are proposed to be taken by the Central Government to ensure that there is no cut in the annual plan of the National Thermal Power Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The dues to NTPC from the State Electricity Boards outstanding at the end of March, 1986 totalled about Rs. 165 crores.

(b) The recovery of the outstanding dues would facilitate implementation of the annual plans of NTPC.

(c) The need for clearance of the dues of NTPC has been stressed on the State authorities. The measures initiated to ensure that there is no cut in the annual plans of NTPC include opening of Letters of Credit of adequate amounts by the State Electricity Boards, rebate for timely payments, and imposition of a surcharge on payments which are delayed.

कच्चे तेल पर रायल्टी

1233. श्री मिर्जा इर्शाद बेग: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कच्चे तेल का मूल्य निर्धारित करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है;